

REMARKS

Applicant herein submits the indicated amendments to the claims, and notes that the asserted prior art fails to teach (explicitly or inherently) or fairly suggest the combined features of each of independent claims 1, 7, and 20.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the amendments allowably distinguish the invention over the prior art, and therefore requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims without undue delay. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 226-8468 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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